THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.1527 of 2007

Date: 29.01.2007

Between:

Kanumuri Venkata Rama Raju and another

....Petitioners

and

The Government of Andhra Pradesh,
represented by its Secretary, Hyderabad and another

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioners state that they are the owners of the land admeasuring Ac.1-96½ cents, situated in Survey No.96 of Vepagunta Village, Pendurthi Mandal, Visakhapatnam District and that they have sold certain extent of land thereof in favour of third parties. According to them, the Agreement of sale executed by them was presented to the second respondent for registration. The grievance of the petitioners is that the second respondent is not accepting the document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said survey number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court

in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1] **.**

Once the sole basis for the second respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to receive and process the document presented by the petitioners and take necessary steps in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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(L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J)

29th JANUARY, 2007.

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77